## Orwellian: Google Scrubs Greenpeace Co-Founder to Protect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

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<u> Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez – Caricature</u> by <u>DonkeyHotey</u>, licensed under <u>CC BY-SA 2.0</u>/Original

It must be nice to be a Democrat. You can do absolutely anything and be confident that big media and tech will do whatever it takes to defend you. If they can't defend you, they'll simply omit things to protect you. Meanwhile, a Republican can't step on a crack without the fire of a thousand suns raining down on them. Enter newly minted Democratic face, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Recently she's been making waves with an insanely unrealistic and economy shattering plan called the "Green New Deal." It called for refurbishing or replacing every building in America, putting high speed rail everywhere, stopping farting cows, and getting rid of all fossil fuels.

This riled Greenpeace co-founder Patrick Moore, who recognized just how stupid her plan was.

Pompous little twit. You don't have a plan to grow food for 8 billion people without fossil fuels, or get the food into the cities. Horses? If fossil fuels were banned every tree in the world would be cut down for fuel for cooking and heating. You would bring about mass death.

— Patrick Moore (@EcoSenseNow) February 23, 2019

He's not wrong. If you've ever been in West Africa, you would have noticed a thick, smokey fog present every morning and evening. That's because without other ways too cook and heat, people burn wood. Wood is not only very dirty way to produce energy, but it releases lots of carbon into the air, the very thing AOC claims she wants to stop. None of this is rocket science, but needless to say there are lots of unintended consequences to simply getting rid of fossil fuels. A know nothing like AOC doesn't have to worry about that stuff, though. She only has to talk, not actually do, and everyone will sing her praises while ensuring no one can question her.

In response to this speech crime, Greenpeace disowned Moore. There's just one problem with that. He was listed on their website as a co-founder until just a few days ago. Green Peace Founders:

Paul Cote
Jim Bohlen
Irving Stowe
Patrick Moore
Bill Darnell <u>pic.twitter.com/UxII2pFdqy</u>

— Klondike The Cat (@KlondikeTheCat) March 12, 2019

Besides the website, accounts of Moore being a co-founder have existed for decades. It's a fact that Moore was part of the original committee that they renamed Greenpeace. He was on the maiden voyage in 1970 as well. Objectively, he's a co-founder and was called that by Greenpeace themselves until he crossed AOC. You can't just rewrite history to suit your political narratives.

Apparently, Google didn't get that memo because they scrubbed Moore as a Greenpeace co-founder despite him appearing there as late as last week.

Oh my! <u>@Google</u> has removed my photo and name from the "Founders of <u>@Greenpeace</u>". It was still there 2 days ago but now I am erased. Tech Tyranny!! 1st image a few days ago screen shot. 2nd image this morning. Both were Googled "Who are the founders of Greenpeace" <u>pic.twitter.com/W0fHWmLMtl</u>

— Patrick Moore (@EcoSenseNow) March 16, 2019

He's also had his bio altered on Wikipedia, where he's now referred to as just some guy who claimed to be a co-founder but actually wasn't.

On the surface, this just seems silly. In reality, it's actually pretty dangerous. This is not the first time Google has been caught altering history for political reasons. Scrubbing Patrick Moore because he went after the wrong Democrat is an awful, Orwellian thing to do. It's reminiscent of the Soviet era tactic of banishing someone and pretending they never existed.

Big tech companies hold enormous power and for the most part we simply have to hope they use it responsibly. There's been recent talk about breaking them up via monopoly laws. I'm not sure I would support that. I do know that if we allow these companies to simply change history for political reasons, it's going to lead to a very dark place. Right now, the best thing any of us can do is publicize these Stalin-esque decisions.